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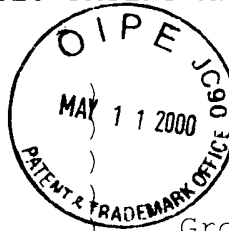
In re Application of:

Mathias GEHRMANN et al.

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For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR  
PRODRUG ACTIVATION



Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2000 (Paper No. 6). A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

If any additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this Amendment and Response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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